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1. [REDACTED] a regulation was issued ordering that the official language of the Chinese customs would be Chinese. Previously it was English, with all official tariffs, etc., in English. All departments were notified to make complete inventories in Chinese in order to complete the transferral to Communist-controlled customs*. Objections by section chiefs regarding the impossibility of finding Chinese equivalents for most technical terms were overruled.
2. By the end of June 200 of the old staff of Chinese customs will be replaced by Communist-trained workers from outside of Tsingtao. Customs employs a total of 320 men.
3. US \$7,000 was brought in aboard the SS PRESIDENT TAFT to pay customs staff salaries. The Communist military representative ordered the money converted to People's Bank Notes which have not yet been released for salaries, and which are depreciating daily in buying power.

25X1A* [REDACTED] Comment. This transferral actually means handing over by individuals to themselves.

25X1X [REDACTED] Comment. The Communists wish to get rid of the foreign officials of Chinese customs, but will not order them to leave.

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